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Broiler Hatchery



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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 26, 2022, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.3 million eggs during the week ending February 26, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.4 million eggs during the same week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 26, 2022, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through February 26, 2022 for the United States were 1.48 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.2 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 26, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 25.5 million chicks, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2022

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	January 22, 2022	January 29, 2022	February 5, 2022	February 12, 2022	February 19, 2022	February 26, 2022	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,311	34,692	34,351	34,660	34,752	34,306	101
Florida	1,193	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	99
Georgia	35,335	35,520	35,055	34,972	35,275	35,363	101
South Carolina....	5,651	5,026	5,590	5,531	5,457	5,599	98
United States.....	238,089	239,729	239,181	239,766	239,802	239,295	99

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Alabama	24,195	23,388	23,732	23,754	23,821	24,180	101
Florida	1,249	1,218	1,210	1,123	1,142	1,212	90
Georgia	26,360	26,994	27,062	28,081	27,071	25,535	95
South Carolina....	3,622	4,144	4,257	4,552	3,808	5,330	102
United States.....	184,048	186,130	185,622	184,588	185,884	185,673	99

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Alabama	34,311	34,692	34,351	34,660	34,752	34,306
Arkansas.....	24,928	24,291	24,857	24,662	24,662	24,517
Delaware	4,788	4,752	4,760	4,790	4,973	5,175
Florida.....	1,193	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia.....	35,335	35,520	35,055	34,972	35,275	35,363
Kentucky.....	5,285	5,680	5,566	5,087	5,670	5,485
Louisiana	3,229	3,275	3,275	3,175	3,290	3,199
Maryland.....	7,857	7,929	7,792	7,992	7,333	7,837
Mississippi	15,947	16,546	16,807	16,792	16,735	16,578
Missouri	9,383	9,546	9,256	9,605	9,600	9,598
North Carolina.....	25,399	25,891	24,878	25,106	25,194	24,672
Oklahoma	7,550	7,586	7,559	7,622	7,494	7,761
Pennsylvania	6,414	6,358	6,663	6,508	6,497	6,611
South Carolina	5,651	5,026	5,590	5,531	5,457	5,599
Texas.....	18,129	18,910	18,913	19,089	19,122	19,251
Virginia.....	6,702	6,792	6,702	6,807	6,831	6,801
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,525	13,448	13,336	13,452	13,254	13,048
Other States.....	12,463	12,293	12,627	12,722	12,469	12,300
United States	238,089	239,729	239,181	239,766	239,802	239,295

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Alabama	24,195	23,388	23,732	23,754	23,821	24,180
Arkansas.....	21,319	22,904	21,898	21,823	21,252	21,554
Delaware	4,972	4,400	4,920	5,102	5,854	4,348
Florida.....	1,249	1,218	1,210	1,123	1,142	1,212
Georgia.....	26,360	26,994	27,062	28,081	27,071	25,535
Kentucky.....	4,406	3,714	4,032	4,163	4,328	4,269
Louisiana	2,724	2,770	2,681	2,672	2,699	2,677
Maryland.....	5,390	5,721	6,284	5,311	5,154	6,004
Mississippi	13,228	13,344	13,401	13,185	13,747	13,799
Missouri	6,567	6,276	7,156	6,371	6,104	6,325
North Carolina.....	20,002	20,797	20,437	19,449	20,237	19,531
Oklahoma	4,557	3,886	3,623	4,348	4,708	4,652
Pennsylvania	4,408	4,267	4,229	4,093	4,055	4,463
South Carolina	3,622	4,144	4,257	4,552	3,808	5,330
Texas.....	14,571	14,495	14,441	14,254	14,866	14,775
Virginia.....	5,477	6,189	5,642	5,486	5,488	5,627
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,801	12,204	11,269	11,403	12,095	11,920
Other States.....	9,200	9,419	9,348	9,418	9,455	9,472
United States	184,048	186,130	185,622	184,588	185,884	185,673

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